



LAKEVILLE BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

REGARDING MANURE FROM DOMESTIC ANIMALS

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Recently the Lakeville Board of Health has received complaints regarding horse manure on public streets. It was stated that manure had been witnessed being dropped from both a horse drawn carriage and individual horses. The Department of Public Safety (520CMR13.08) requires a horse drawn carriage to be licensed and have a bag attached to catch any horse manure. The Board of Health will expect a horse drawn carriage to meet the State requirements. Complaints will be forwarded to the Lakeville Police Department for prosecution when necessary. Horse owners whose horses are utilized for horseback riding and travel on streets should be prepared to remove any manure from public access ways in a timely manner. The Board of Health will consider any domestic animal manure left on public ways a “public health nuisance”. Fines can be issued up to \$300 for each offense, (\$100 first offense, \$200 second offense and \$300 for third and subsequent offenses). Although these types of complaints have been infrequent, we anticipate any horse owner will be considerate and adhere to this advisory as to not initiate any future public health nuisances.